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RUSTY Evaluation Group

1. On 29 November Gustav HILGER, a former member of the RUSTY Evaluation Group, was interviewed by ☐ and ☐ HILGER left Germany on 15 October and is in this country under the sponsorship of the UMPIRE group.

2. HILGER knows little of the operational aspects of the RUSTY organization but did furnish information on his own group, which is located in Pullach.

3. As reports are received from agents, they are processed through the residents and field office directors (Leiter der Aussehatelle) to the Intelligence Collecting Office (ICO). Here all information is sifted by representatives of the evaluation group to prevent the latter from being flooded with worthless material. Sources are evaluated and any reports of value are passed on to the Evaluation Group. Chief of the ICO is one SCHACK, an old Alwehr man, 61 years of age, who was stationed in Afghanistan during the war. The name of only one other individual in the ICO was learned, that of a Dr. EYER. The extent of SCHACK's direction of operations is unknown but apparently his fingers are in the pie.

4. The Evaluation Group, which consists of approximately thirty people, is headed by the former general, DEUSINGER (pseudonym MOEN), and is divided into three sections, Political, Military and Economic. Chief of the Political Section is a former German ambassador, Von DIRASEN; while Otto BREUTIGAM, a former consul-general at Batum and war-time expert in Rosenberg's office, is his assistant. HILGER was also a member of Von DIRASEN's predecessor in this section. Chief of the Military Section is one HIRT, who was in the U.S.A. with von GEMLEN in 1945. Other members of the section are SEIDEL, covering Russian ammunition dumps, storehouses, etc.; one HELLER, a transportation expert; and one KOENIG. The names given for the members of the Military Section are believed to be pseudonyms.

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5. Members of the Economic Section are: Dr. ALOCAR, BORG and PARKER.

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6. The Evaluation Group formerly received CIC reports and some top secret summaries but Colonel LIESSEL put an end to this by deciding the group would have to rely on German reports for evaluation purposes. In addition to their evaluation work briefs were prepared for agents. There are no geographical subdivisions within the group and each section is responsible for all areas covered by RUSTY except in the military field. According to HILGER (political intelligence) coverage of Rumania is very good, fair in Austria, Czechoslovakia good, but poor in Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and USSR. They are just beginning work on strategic (long-range) intelligence.

7. HILGER knew little of the Monitoring Unit other than that it consisted of about five people, with offices in Frankfurt, headed by one BANNER (pseudonym).

8. HILGER made no mention of BAUN until specifically asked about the man. Even then he appeared very reticent but agreed that friction existed between Von GEHLEN and BAUN and that this resulted from BAUN's attempts to make RUSTY his own independent organization. HILGER considers BAUN a strange individual who had never been a "big" man but possessing genius. He was born in Odessa, educated in Germany, worked as Abwehr representative in consulates of Odessa and Kiev from 1923-1937, and led a big intelligence operation in East Prussia during World War II.

9. HILGER feels strongly about the value of Operation RUSTY and apparently was urged by Von GEHLEN to seek additional support from responsible American officials while he is in this country.

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